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**GOHSEP Employee Deploys to Support Hawaii's Hurricane Efforts**

**Baton Rouge (August 24, 2018)** – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has filled one of the first requests for support from Hawaii as the island state deals with Hurricane Lane. Emergency Operations Center Branch Manager Amy Dawson is deploying as a mass care coordinator for the Lane response and recovery efforts.

The request calls for Dawson to provide oversight of state operations related to mass care, evacuations, and emergency assistance to support the Hurricane Lane event. Requests for state to state support are made through the EMAC (EMAC) system. EMAC offers assistance during governor-declared states of emergency or disasters through a responsive, straightforward system that allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to assist with response and recovery efforts in other states.

"GOHSEP employees are often called upon to help other states during an emergency," said GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom. "The expertise of our staff means they are able to address many different types of calls for emergency management support. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Hawaii as they deal with this event. We will continue to monitor any additional EMAC requests made by the state and help Hawaii get through this difficult time."

EMAC establishes a firm legal foundation for sharing resources between states. Once the conditions for providing assistance to a requesting state have been set, the terms constitute a legally binding agreement. The EMAC legislation solves the problems

of liability and responsibilities of cost and allows for credentials, licenses, and certifications to be honoured across state lines.

EMAC is implemented within the State Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the Governor of the State. This provides a consistent and coordinated response across the nation.

Deploying resources through EMAC leverages federal grant dollars (such as the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) invested in state and local emergency management resource capabilities.

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